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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of  
William Kitchen et. al.

Serial No. 09/034,561

Filed: March 3, 1998:

For: ELECTRONIC BILL PROCESSING

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DECLARATION OF SHARON HAND UNDER 37 CFR 47(a)

Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
of Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

I, Sharon Hand, hereby state that:

1. I am Executive Assistant to Mr. Ravi Ganesan, Executive Vice President and Chief Technology Officer of CheckFree Corporation. (hereinafter "CHECKFREE").

2. According to CHECKFREE'S business records, Clarence M. Bringardner terminated his employment with CHECKFREE on February 6, 1998 and his last known address is 2995 Dresden Street, Columbus, Ohio 43224, and Kenneth W. Bradley terminated his employment with CHECKFREE on October 17, 1997 and his last known address is 8202

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Olde Richmond Lane, Westerville, Ohio 43081.

3. On June 23, 1998, I instructed CHECKFREE's mail room to deposit, with UPS, a copy of the above referenced application, the associated Declaration and Power-of-Attorney, and an associated Assignment addressed to Mr. Bringardner at 2995 Dresden Street, Columbus, Ohio 43224, under a cover letter of the same date, executed by Mr. Ganesan, requesting that Mr. Bradley execute the forwarded Declaration and Power-of-Attorney and Assignment, and return the executed documents to our attorney, Mr. Alfred A. Stadnicki at his former address (hereinafter referred to as the "Forwarded Materials to Bringardner"). A copy of the June 23, 1998 cover letter to Mr. Bringardner, along with the UPS receipt indicating that the Forwarded Materials to Bringardner were undeliverable, is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

4. On August 26, 1998, I instructed the CHECKFREE's mail room to deposit, with the U.S. Postal Service as certified mail return receipt requested, another copy of the above referenced application, the associated Declaration and Power-of-Attorney, and the associated Assignment addressed to Mr. Bringardner at 2995 Dresden Street, Columbus, Ohio 43224, under a cover letter of the same date which noted that Mr. Stadnicki had not received the

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executed documents and again requesting that Mr. Bringardner execute the forwarded Declaration and Power-of-Attorney and Assignment, and return the executed documents to our attorney, Mr. Alfred A. Stadnicki at his current address (hereinafter referred to as the "Second Forwarded Materials to Bringardner"). A copy of the August 26, 1998 cover letter to Mr. Bringardner and the Receipt of Certified Mail for the Second Forwarded Materials to Bringardner is attached hereto as Exhibit B. No certification of delivery/non-delivery (U.S. Postal Service Form 3811) has, to date, been returned by the U.S. Postal Service. Therefore, on November 18, 1998, I requested that the U.S. Postal Service place a trace on the certification (i.e. Form 3811) for this mailing, as evidenced by the U.S. Postal Service date stamp of November 18, 1998 which appears on the back of the Receipt of Certified Mail. I was advised by the U.S. Postal Service that the trace could take 10 days to two weeks.

5. On June 23, 1998, I also instructed CHECKFREE's mail room to deposit, with UPS, a copy of the above referenced application, the associated Declaration and Power-of-Attorney, and an associated Assignment addressed to Mr. Bradley at 8202 Olde Richmond Lane, Westerville, Ohio 43081, under a cover letter of the same date,

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executed by Mr. Ganesan, requesting that Mr. Bradley execute the forwarded Declaration and Power-of-Attorney and Assignment, and return the executed documents to our attorney, Mr. Alfred A. Stadnicki at his former address (hereinafter referred to as the "Forwarded Materials to Bradley"). A copy of the June 23, 1998 cover letter to Mr. Bradley, along with the UPS receipt indicating delivery of the Forwarded Materials to Bradley, is attached hereto as Exhibit C.

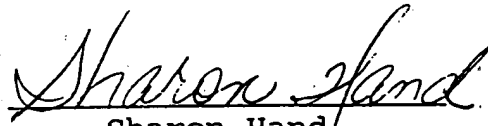
6. On August 26, 1998, I further instructed CHECKFREE's mail room to deposit, with the U.S. Postal Service as certified mail return receipt requested, another copy of the above referenced application, the associated Declaration and Power-of-Attorney, and the associated Assignment addressed to Mr. Bradley at 8202 Olde Richmond Lane, Westerville, Ohio 43081, under a cover letter of the same date which noted that Mr. Stadnicki had not received the executed documents and again requesting that Mr. Bradley execute the forwarded Declaration and Power-of-Attorney and Assignment, and return the executed documents to our attorney, Mr. Alfred A. Stadnicki at his current address (hereinafter referred to as the "Second Forwarded Materials to Bradley"). A copy of the August 26, 1998 cover letter to Mr. Bradley and the certification of receipt



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like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Respectfully Submitted

  
Sharon Hand

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Date: November 20, 1998